

REMARKS:

Claims 1-4 are pending in the application. The Official action set forth a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the following groups of invention:

- I. Claims 1 and 2, drawn to a construction machine apparatus, classified in class 180, subclass 311.
- II. Claims 3 and 4, drawn to a method of making a construction machine, classified in class 29, subclass 897.2.

Applicant hereby elects the Group I invention, which includes claims 1 and 2 drawn to a construction machine apparatus, without traverse. Early consideration and allowance of these claims are respectfully requested.

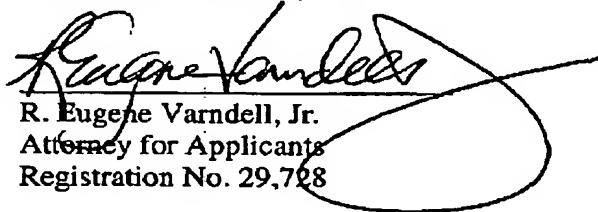
In the event claims 1 and 2 are found to be allowable (the elected Group I invention), applicant respectfully requests rejoinder of nonelected claims with the elected claims.

The foregoing is believed to be a complete and proper response to the Official action mailed May 26, 2006. While it is believed that all the claims in this application are in condition for allowance, should the examiner have any comments or questions, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be telephoned at the below listed number to resolve any outstanding issues.

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In the event this paper is not timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee therefor, as well as any other fees which become due, may be charged to our deposit account No. 50-1147.

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